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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR AMBASSADOR: SCHOOL ADVISED AND WILL TRANSFER NANCY'S
ENROLLMENT TO OCTOBER SESSION.

2. JOHNS HOPKINS STUDY ON MICROWAVES: DR. LILIENFELD TOLD
RALPH LINDSTROM ON JUNE 30 THAT THE STUDY IS GOING WELL.
CODING HAS BEEN COMPLETED, FIRST DRAFT IS BEING REVISED,
AND MORE THAN 100 STATISTICAL TABLES HAVE BEEN PREPARED.
ALTHOUGH CLEARLY CLOSE TO OVERALL COMPLETION, DR. LILIEN-
FELD DECLINED TO COMMIT HIMSELF TO A SPECIFIC DATE FOR
DELIVERY OF THE FINISHED REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT. HE SAID
THAT FURTHER COMPUTER ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF FIND-
INGS MAY BE NECESSARY.

3. FOR THE JULY 7 LUERS-VASEV MEETING ABOUT THE DIPLOMATIC
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POUCH CONTAINERS, WE FOLLOWED YOUR ADVISE IN MOSCOW 15782,
PARAS 1 AND 2. WE DID NOT, HOWEVER, TAKE UP THE ISSUES OF
THE APARTMENTS, WAREHOUSES AND DACHA PER PARA 3, MOSCOW
15782. WE WANT TO RAISE THOSE ITEMS AS A SEPARATE DEMARCHE.
4. NEWSWEEK TELLS US IT IS COMING OUT WITH A STORY MONDAY
QUOTING CRAWFORD AS CRITICIZING INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER,
THE MOSCOW AMERICAN

BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS AS USUAL WHILE HE WAS IN JAIL. ACCORDING TO NEWSWEEK, HE HAD ONLY GOOD THINGS TO SAY ABOUT THE EMBASSY.

5. THE LAST SENTENCE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S SHCHARANSKIY STATEMENT--THE SENTENCE RE MAKING NO FURTHER COMMENTS--HAS BEEN DELETED FROM THE STATEMENT.

6. MARSHALL SHULMAN, BILL LUERS AND I MET JULY 7 WITH ROBERT BOOTH AND SOME SENIOR IH OFFICIALS ABOUT THE CRAWFORD CASE. THEY WERE DEFENSIVE ABOUT THE IDEA THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING "BUSINESS AS USUAL" WITH THE SOVIETS. THEY ARGUED THAT THEY HAD DONE SO INITIALLY TO MAINTAIN THEIR CONTACTS IN AN EFFORT TO HELP CRAWFORD, AND EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO TAKE A TOUGHER LINE STARTING NOW. MARSHALL TOLD THEM ARMAND HAMMER HAS WRITTEN BREZHNEV. WE WILL SEND YOU A REPORT OF THE MEETING BY FRONT CHANNEL TOMORROW.

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